restricted to work of purely casual|seasonal|intermittent| part-time nature for which no posts can be created.

Instructions have also been issued for regularisation of the services of casual workers against Group 'D' posts in Ministries|Departments, etc. subject to their fulfilling the eligibility conditions, provided suitable vacancies exist. Consequently, regularisation of the services of such persons in Group 'D' posts cannot be effected within any prescribed time frame.

(c) The various Ministries|Departments are themselves competent to regularise the services of their casual workers in Group 'D' posts in terms of the general instructions on the subjects. The information regarding regularisation of services of casual workers is not monitored centrally. This Department is, therefore, not in a position to make any comments in regard for Part (c) of the question.

Appointment of another commission to settle Punjab-Haryana issues

444. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint another Commission as suggested by the Mathew Commission to settle Punjab-Haryana issues; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Discussions have been held with the Chief Ministers of Punjab and Haryana with a view to deciding the course of action.

Revision of pay-scales of Defence Scientists

445. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to revise the pay scales of and to give more incentives to the scientists working in the defence establishments in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) These matters are under consideration of the Fourth Central Pay Commission. The Government will take a view after their report is received.

(d) Does not arise.

Poverty eradication programme

446. SHRI GAYA CHAND BHUYAN: Will the Minister of PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the existing machinery in his Ministry to monitor the poverty eradication programme in the country;

(b) whether the exsting machinery is adequate for the purpose;

(c) what is the present system of monitoring the programmes; and

(d) whether Government are aware that achievements under point 7(A) of the 20-Point Programme are tardy during the current financial year and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHARY): (a) One division viz. 20-Point Programme Monitoring Division exists in this Ministry to monitor the 20-Point Programme as a whole including the poverty eradication programme.

(b) In addition to the machinery in this Ministry, the individual items of the Programme are being monitored by the concerned Ministry/Department.

(c) The Programme is being monitored regularly on monthly and quarterly basis. For the Monthly Progress Report, information is received in this Ministry directly from the States/UTs. For the Quarterly